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SECRETARY WEIL'S STATEMENT OF APRIL 6

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SPEECH BY THE HONORABLE FRANK
WEIL, ASSISTANT-SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND
TRADE ADMINISTRATION, DURING SUBJECT MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE,
I'M VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE. IF I APPEAR TO BE IN
THE STATE OF MIND THAT COMES NORMALLY AROUND 4.30
IN THE MORNING YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY. I LEFT WASHING-
TON YESTERDAY MORNING AT ABOUT 7 AND WENT TO CHICAGO
AND NOW I'M HERE. I WAS SORRY I WASN'T ABLE TO BE
WITH YOU AT THE EARLIER MEETINGS OF THIS COMMITTEE
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THIS WEEK BUT UNFORTUNATELY I HAD A COMMITMENT TO
TESTIFY BEFORE ONE OF OUR KEY CONGRESSIONAL COM-
MITTEES ON TUESDAY AND A LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT
TO TALK TO OVER A THOUSAND PEOPLE ABOUT IMPORTANT
TRADE POLICY MATTERS IN THE UNITED STATES IN CHICAGO
YESTERDAY.

THE REASON I AM HERE, AND AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE, IS THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS VERY SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN RAISING CONSIDERABLY OUR LEVEL OF INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS COMMITTEE. THAT IS WHY I'VE ASKED MY DEPUTY AND COLLEAGUE, BOB SHEPHERD, IF HE WOULD ALSO BECOME INVOLVED ON A MORE REGULAR BASIS.

I'D LIKE IF I COULD, JUST TO TAKE ONE SECOND TO EXPLAIN THE CHANGE OF ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE. TWO THINGS HAVE STRUCK US IN OUR ANALYSIS OF SOME OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN THIS PAST YEAR: ONE IS THAT IT IS INCREASINGLY CLEAR MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICY DOESN'T RESOLVE MANY OF THE ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS THAT PLAGUE US ALL, EVEN IN A GROWTH ENVIRONMENT; THAT BEHIND IT ARE LEFT POCKETS, I.E. PROBLEMS WHICH SIMPLY AREN'T ADDRESSED OR, IF WE PUT ENOUGH MACRO PRESSURE BEHIND THE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS, THE EFFECT ON INFLATION AND OTHER FACTORS WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLY GREAT. THEREFORE WE NEED, WE IN THE UNITED STATES BELIEVE, TO DEVELOP ALL AROUND THE WORLD MUCH BETTER MICRO-ANALYTICAL METHODS AS WELL AS MICRO-POLICY MAKING MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THESE RESIDUAL PROBLEMS. THE SECOND REASON IS THAT, IN A SLOWER GROWTH ENVIRONMENT WHICH WE ARE EXPERIENCING NOW

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AND WHICH WE FORESEE FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS AT LEAST, WE ARE FINDING GREAT TENSIONS IN THE TRADE AREA AND WE ARE BEING LEFT, ALL AROUND THE WORLD, WITH THE IMPACT OF THE DISEQUILIBRIUM THAT OCCURS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE DURING A TIME LIKE THIS. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THOUGH THE TRADE ISSUES ARE THOSE THAT ARE PREDOMINATING THE NEWS TODAY, THEY REALLY AREN'T THE KEY ISSUES BECAUSE THE SOLUTIONS TO THESE ISSUES, IN OUR OPINION, NEITHER LIE IN PROTECTIONISM, IN ANY OF ITS FORMS, NOR IN AN EXPORT WAR, IN ANY OF ITS FORMS, BUT RATHER IN MUCH BETTER ADJUSTMENT MECHANISMS. THAT LEADS TO THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY MAKING WHICH IS WHAT MR. BECKLER WAS OUTLINING JUST BEFORE. SO WE SEE THE ISSUES OF THIS COMMITTEE BEING THE NEXT MOST IMPORTANT SERIES OF ISSUES THAT THE

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INDUSTRIAL WORLD AND THE COMING WORLD IS GOING TO BE ADDRESSING AND IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT THE WORK PROGRAMME THAT WAS OUTLINED STRIKES US AS BEING AIMED AT WHAT MAY BECOME, MAY IN FACT BE TODAY, THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT PRESSING PROBLEMS.

WE WOULD LIKE, ON OUR SIDE, TO PUT GREATER WEIGHT THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST, BOTH IN TERMS OF ANALYSIS AND STATISTICS GATHERING AND POLICY EFFORTS, ON A SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES AND ON A COLLECTIVE BASIS AS WELL. FIRST OF ALL WE NEED TO EXCHANGE IDEAS; WE RECOGNISE IN THE UNITED STATES, BECAUSE OUR GOVERNMENTAL/PRIVATE SECTOR RELATIONSHIPS DIFFER FROM THOSE EXISTING IN MOST OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, THAT WE HAVE A LOT TO LEARN FROM SOME OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE A DIFFERENT PATTERN BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. MOREOVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID UNNECESSARY COMPETITION AND BOTH RACES IN THE AREA OF PROTECTIONISM AND EXPORT WARS; THAT IS TO SAY, IF INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD BEGAN TO OVER SUBSIDIZE OR INTRODUCE SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

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IN THIS AREA WE COULD HAVE ANOTHER FORM OF UNHEALTHY COMPETITION. WE HAVE NO ANSWERS; WE'VE GOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS, AND THAT IS WHY WE FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY ITS

INVOLVEMENT IN THIS AREA.

I LISTENED WITH INTEREST TO THE WORK PROGRAMME
THAT HAS BEEN OUTLINED AND I WOULD LIKE TO LISTEN WITH
INTEREST TO THE COMMENTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS COM-
MITTEE. I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE CHANCE TO BE HERE
AND TO SPEAK WITH YOU THIS MORNING. THANK YOU VERY
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